



December 18, 2020

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 45 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 3,473 cases confirmed since 21 March. *Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.*

The first 2,989 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 2,989 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had **82** confirmed deaths due to the virus. **(SCDHEC reported three new deaths in Greenwood County; 2 middle-aged and 1 elderly.)** This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 402. *DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.*

From 3 December until 16 December (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 484 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of 683.5 per 100,000 individuals which is rated as **high** by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 2,023 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 243,258. Also, they reported 39 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 4,484. Please click this [link](#) to see the deaths by county. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. *SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers. Once a probable case or death is confirmed, they will add it to their confirmed total and I will report it.*

SCDHEC reported 9,175 of 11,130 inpatient beds are in use for an 82.4% usage rate statewide. Of the 9,175 beds in use, 1,524 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 16.6% of the beds in use.

As of 15 December, Greenwood County has 207 of 206 hospital beds in use which is 100.5% utilization rate. As of 15 December, Self Regional reported 40 COVID-19 patients with 10 in ICU. Of these, 5 patients are on ventilation.

SCDHEC has created a dashboard which tracks the COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools within SC. Please click this [link](#) to see the numbers of reported cases by school.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick and **wearing face coverings** when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see [DHEC's COVID-19 webpage](#).

To view additional county level data see [DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19](#).

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County. Self Regional events will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

21 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

24 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

28 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

30 December: 418 Marion Avenue, Greenwood, Carolina Health Centers, Morris Chapel; 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

31 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

**Vaccinations:** Self Regional has begun vaccinating their staff.

Below are additional **links** to review information about mRNA vaccines. **(Newest on top)**

[https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/?so\\_channel\\_tab&rv\\_all\\_videos\\_card](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/?so_channel_tab&rv_all_videos_card)

Vaccine presentation begins at the 11:18 mark.

<https://www.promegaconnections.com/mrna-vaccines-for-covid-19-the-promise-and-pitfalls/>